

5788-01001

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously presented) A food utensil comprising:  
an elongated hollow body for supporting an elongated food product, said elongated hollow body having an inner wall and an outer wall forming an interior, an open first end and a second end, a diameter, and a length greater than said diameter; and  
a plurality of blades extending across said interior in a plane perpendicular to said inner and outer walls for cutting a food item, whereby said plurality of blades is the only plurality of blades of said food utensil, and each of said plurality of blades is substantially laterally aligned at an outermost portion thereof with a respective outermost portion of each of the remaining plurality of blades.
2. (previously presented) A food utensil comprising:  
a hollow body having an inner wall and an outer wall forming an interior, an open first end and a second end, a cross-sectional area, and a length greater than said cross-sectional area; and  
a plurality of blades extending across said interior in a plane perpendicular to said inner and outer walls for cutting a food item, whereby said plurality of blades is the only plurality of blades of said food utensil, and each of said plurality of blades is substantially laterally aligned at an outermost portion thereof with a respective outermost portion of each of the remaining plurality of blades.
3. (withdrawn) The utensil of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of grooves each longitudinally extending from the first end to a corresponding plurality of points approaching the second end and a blade rack slidably engaged with said outer wall for attachment of said plurality of blades wherein each of said plurality of blades correspondingly extends through one of said plurality of grooves.
4. (previously presented) The utensil of claim 1 further comprising a base fixed to the second end.
5. (withdrawn) The utensil of claim 2 wherein said plurality of blades comprises a plurality of wires wrapped about said blade rack.
6. (original) The utensil of claim 1 further comprising a food receptacle removably attached to said first open end for holding a food product.